



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 6, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Report by the Auditor-Controller on the recommendations contained in his report dated October 5, 2007 on Litigation Cost Management that County Counsel has concluded have already been implemented.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"In June 2006, the Board instructed the Auditor-Controller to conduct an audit to ensure that County Counsel was following proper litigation cost and risk management procedures. The purpose of the Audit was to determine if those procedures were being implemented, and the purpose of these procedures was to control litigation costs. In January 2007, the Auditor-Controller presented its report to the Board. The report indicated that County Counsel's staff had not been consistently following applicable litigation cost management procedures. The report also made 36 specific recommendations for improvement. To date, only 5 of the 36 recommendations have been fully implemented, with an additional 5 partially or substantially implemented. At this rate, it will take years to implement all the Auditor's recommendations, potentially resulting in continued increases in litigation costs."

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Molina made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, that County Counsel be instructed to provide the Board with a written update within three weeks on the status of implementation of all the recommendations contained in the Auditor-Controller's attached report dated October 5, 2007 and include for each recommendation the date by which the recommendation will be fully implemented.

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Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to also instruct County Counsel to include in his report back the nine additional recommendations provided by the outside attorney that is included in the Auditor-Controller's report. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Supervisor Molina's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, was unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent).

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Attachment

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel